

rejuvenation, establishment of nurseries & tissue culture unit for providing quality planting material, demonstration and training of farmers besides State Govt. plan schemes. In addition, the assistance is also being extended for various purpose in this regard through the following scheme :

- (i) Use of plastic in agriculture
- (ii) Development of bee keeping for improving crop productivity
- (iii) Establishment of Nutritional garden in rural areas
- (iv) Integrated project on Management of post harvest infrastructure of horticultural crops
- (v) Development of marketing of Horticulture produce through participation in soft loan.

[English]

#### **Subsidy on Fertilizer**

2185. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which subsidy on Ammonium Chloride Fertilizer will be introduced by the Government to obviate the discrepancies in this regard; and

(b) the steps taken for an expeditious decision on this account?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) No such proposal is under consideration.

[Translation]

#### **Liberalisation Policy in Agriculture Sector**

2186. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to liberalise the policies in agriculture sector further ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the time by which the decision is likely to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c) A Draft Agriculture Policy Resolution prepared by the Government to accelerate and improve the economic viability of agriculture was discussed in a meeting of State Agriculture Ministers held at New Delhi on 19th Feb, 1997

The thrust areas of the draft Resolution are:

- (i) removal of regional and crop imbalances.
- (ii) increase in investment in the agriculture sector;
- (iii) grant of facilities to agriculture as are available for industry without the regulatory and tax collection mechanise of the industrial sector;
- (iv) Making available inputs at reasonable rates to the farmers in the proximity of their fields;
- (v) easy availability of credit at reasonable rates of interest to the farmers ;
- (vi) human resource development ;
- (vii) focus on agricultural research ; and
- (viii) relaxation of controls in agriculture sector.

The draft Resolution is under finalisation keeping in view the suggestions made in the conference.

[English]

#### **Drug Price Control Order**

2187. DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA :  
SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJ BHAI  
CHIKHALIA :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been decided to put monopoly drugs under the Drug (Price) Control Order, 1995 while reducing the earlier list;

(b) whether the Government have identified such monopoly drugs for bringing them under the control order, 1995;

(c) if so, the details there of and the action taken by the Government for bringing these drugs under the control order; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (d) The criteria for keeping the drugs under price control, as laid down in the 'Modifications in Drug Policy, 1986', include in the First Schedule of DPCO '95 has been done accordingly. The list of drugs kept under price control on account of monopoly situation is given in the attached Statement.

**Statement***List of Drugs kept under Price Control on Account of Monopoly Situation*

1. Sulphadiazine
2. Framycetin
3. Verapamil
4. Amikacin Sulphate
5. Glipizide
6. Spironolactone
7. Pentoxifylline
8. Amodiaquin
9. Sulphamoxole
10. Frusemide
11. Pheniramine Maleate
12. Chloroxylenols
13. Becampicillin
14. Lincomycin
15. Chlorpropamide
16. Mebhydr Oline
17. Chlorpromazine
18. Methendienone
19. Phenyl Butazone
20. Lynestrinol
21. Salazosulphapyrine
22. Diosmine
23. Trimipramine
24. Mefenamicacid

**Charging High Price for Seeds and Fertilizers**

2188. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether rural farmers in U.P. are paying higher prices in comparison to the price fixed by the Government for purchasing seeds and fertilizers ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) wheter the Government are aware that most of the farmers are deprived of the benefit of the wasteland reclamation scheme;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) the steps taken by the Government for effective implementation of this scheme; and

(f) the action taken against the officers found guilty in implementation of this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) No, Sir, In the case of seeds, there is no statutory control on sale price. No reports have been received about high prices being charged for seeds. In the case of fertilizers, urea is subject to statutory control while diammonium phosphate (DAP), Muriate of Potash (MOP) and various complexes are de-controlled, but sold at a price indicated by the Government. There are no reports of prices higher than the controlled price for urea or indicated prices for the other fertilizers being charged to farmers in U.P.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. The Department of Waste-Lands Development of the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment has informed that the Integrated Waste-Lands Development Project is being implemented in 16 districts of U.P. with 100% Central assistance.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) The scheme is being implemented effectively.

(f) Question does not arise.

**Non-Lifting of Foodgrains Quota by States**

2189. SHRI MANGAT RAM SHARMA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of wheat allotted to Jammu and Kahsmir during the last three years ;

(b) whether distributed wheat and rice are not reaching to the genuine poor for which quotas were allotted to the States ;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether some States have not lifted wheat/rice quota last year when there was shortage of food and the prices of foodgrains went up very high; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) The quantity of wheat allotted to